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16. (New) A method for providing an authorization interrogation in a motor vehicle, the method comprising the steps of:

using a transponder to exchange data with at least one antenna array arranged on at least one of a left side and a right side of the motor vehicle;

querying an operating signal;

selecting a current value as a left side current value and a right side current value for controlling the antenna array as a function of the operating signal so that the left side current value is different than the right side current value for external space interrogation on the left side of the motor vehicle and on the right side of the motor vehicle; and

controlling the at least one antenna array using the at least one current value to perform the authorization interrogation for one of the external space interrogation on the left side and on the right side of the motor vehicle.--

Remarks

The Preliminary Amendment, without prejudice, cancels original claims 1 to 10 and revised claims 1 to 6 in the underlying PCT application PCT/DE99/02361, and adds new claims 11 to 16. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter.

The above amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules or to correct informalities, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application No. PCT/DE99/02361 includes an International Search Report having a mailing date of February 8, 2000. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT application. A copy of the Search Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

The underlying PCT application also includes an International Preliminary Examination Report, dated October 10, 2000. An English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report and its annex are included.

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It is believed and respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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